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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: msft case public comment

Dear Ms. Hesse,

In response to your request for public comment on the proposed settlement in the case of United States v. Microsoft Corporation, I urge you, as an independent citizen with no direct financial interest in Microsoft nor any of its competitors, to settle the case as soon as possible and in a way that imposes the fewest possible restrictions on Microsoft. At any time, and especially during these difficult times, we should applaud America's successful companies and allow them to innovate and to grow, rather than hold them back by pursuing regulatory actions born of the concerns of a century ago and dressed up in New Economy lingo, and motivated by the self-interested pleadings of competitors.

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